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Dear U.S. Department of Justice,

As a student of computer science with 15 years of experience in the computing field, I felt that I should notify you of my concern with the proposed government settlement with the Microsoft Corporation. As highlighted by Dan Kegel's comments (<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>), the proposed settlement will achieve little to restore a healthy and competitive environment in the computing field. Microsoft is not bad because it is a large corporation, but rather because of the startling effects, both economic and social, of its anticompetitive measures. Microsoft Corporation, as proven in the antitrust trial, has taken extreme steps to squelch any competition. This in turn has extended a more fearful consequence: Microsoft's brute dominance over the computing field has taken away much of that field's glamour, deterring many intelligent people from pursuing the study of computing. This indeed has resulted in the stifling of the computing technology of our country. If much stronger action is not taken against the Microsoft Corporation, there can be little hope for our country's technological environment.

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